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## REFUGEES REPORT DISCONTENT IN NORTH KOREA

CONVERT DISCLOSES INTERNAL CONFLICTS -- Taiyang Sinmun, 26 Dec 42

Recently, Chong Paek, a 51-year old veteran Communist leader, renounced Communism and pledged loyalty to the Taehan Republic after having been sent to South Korea to establish the Democratic Front for Unification of the Fatherland. He disclosed on 26 December that the internal conflicts within the Red regime of North Korea are becoming more pronounced daily.

He told reporters that in spite of Kim Il Sung's efforts to confine the facts within his group, it has become apparent that the feuds among his hirelings are now beyond his control. Furthermore, he added, Kim Il Sung's dictatorship exercised through the Labor Party is alienating the people from that party. Without popular support, neither the party nor Kim Il Sung can survive long, said Chong Paek.

Chong Paek has been a prominent Communist leader for 30 years since the 1 March incident of 1919. He helped to organize the Preparatory Committee for National Construction, and was a member of the Central Committee of the Democratic People's Front and also of the Central Committee of the Working People's Party which recently renounced Communism.

BOY TROOPS, WOMEN CONSTITUTE PEOPLE'S ARMY -- Yonhap Sinmun. 30 Dec 49

Deserters from the North Korean Red Army have asserted that the majority of the People's Army is composed of untrained, 17- or 18-year old juveniles.

Pvt Cho Sang-ok and Pfc Kim Won-myong, both age 20, and formerly assigned to a combat battalion under the command of the Kwanghae Do Defense Headquarters, and First Lieutenant Oh Han-sang, a political training officer attached to the 225th Unit (putae) of the People's Army, visited schools in Inch'on on 22 December to speak about the conditions in North Korea.

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The soldiers, who had deserted the army in the Chongui area only a few days previously, disclosed that, besides the boy troops, there are many young women serving in the People's Army. They asserted that soldiers killed in combat are quickly and secretly buried, and that the military authorities later explain to their families that the soldiers had deserted to the south.

N KOREANS VIEW NATIONAL ARMY AS SAVIOR -- Hansung Ilbo, 24 Dec 49

It is reported that each time the National Army occupies new territory along the 38th Parallel, it gains a new group of refugees. These refugees have stated that the North Koreans depend on the South Korean Army for salvation from the Red suppression.

The National Army recently occupied the Kaegong San (mountain) in Yonbaek Kun, Hwanghae Do. On 11 December a group of 80 villagers comprising 17 families sought refuge with these troops. They are now in Namsanturi, under the protection of the National Army.

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